This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.(Currently amended) A transport container for slides for immunological labeling of thin tissue sections[[,]] comprising: a left and a right sidewall, a backwall and a frontwall joined together to form a peripheral delimiting wall having interior and exterior sides, a base ~~is~~ attached to the peripheral delimiting wall [[,]] ~~wherein the base closes~~ closing off the transport container, ~~and~~ at least one peripheral step formed in the interior side of the ~~transport container~~ peripheral delimiting wall, and wherein said base comprises elevations operatively arranged for providing additional support to said slide ~~wherein the slide rests and is spaced away from the base of the transport container~~.

2. (Currently amended) The transport container as defined in Claim 1, wherein said at least one peripheral step in said interior side of said peripheral delimiting wall is continuous ~~the peripheral delimiting wall of the transport container is constituted by a left and a right sidewall that are both joined to one another via a back wall and a front wall~~.

3. (Original) The transport container as defined in Claim 2, wherein at least one stop is embodied respectively on the left sidewall and on the right sidewall.

4. (Original) The transport container as defined in Claim1, wherein the transport container is stackable in a stack, such that the base of one transport container constituting in each case the cover for a transport container located beneath it.

5. (Currently amended) The transport container as defined in Claim 1, wherein said elevations are comprised of ~~comprising~~ [[a]] first and [[a]] second ~~elevation~~ elevations ~~are embodied on the base of the transport container, each of which~~

~~possesses~~ and a planar flattened area located at the same level as the slide ~~and therefore providing an additional support for the slide~~.

6. (Currently amended) The transport container as defined in Claim 5, wherein the first ~~elevation~~ and ~~the~~ second ~~elevation~~ elevations are cup-shaped with ~~and thus have a~~ depression ~~that is~~ closed off ~~in each case~~ by the planar flattened area ~~(60)~~, the depression of the first elevation ~~(58)~~ having a cross section in the form of a circle ~~(58a)~~, and the depression of the second elevation ~~(59)~~ a cross section in the form of a rectangle with rounded edges.

7. (Original)The transport container as defined in Claim 1, wherein the delimiting wall of the transport container has embodied on it in the region of the front wall two grip recesses that are arranged opposite one another.

8. (Currently amended) The transport container as defined in Claim 1, wherein the delimiting wall of the transport container has shaped on it in the region of the back wall two parallel ~~lug~~ lugs that serve partially as guides for arranging the transport container in the stack.

9. (Currently amended) The transport container as defined in any of Claim 1, wherein the delimiting wall has embodied in the left and the right sidewall at least one protrusion in each case, ~~which is configured in such a way that~~ operatively arranged so the slide does not contact the left or right sidewall in the region of the protrusion.

10.(Currently amended) The transport container as defined in Claim 1, wherein the transport container is ~~produced~~ fabricated from a dimensionally stable material.

11. (Original) The transport container as defined in Claim 10, wherein the transport container is injection molded.

12.(Original) A transport container for slides for immunological labeling of thin tissue sections, comprising: a peripheral delimiting wall which is constituted by a left and a right sidewall that are both joined to one another via a back wall and a front wall, a base is attached to the peripheral delimiting wall, wherein the base closes off the transport container, at least one peripheral step formed in the interior of the transport container, wherein the slide rests and is spaced away from the base of the transport container, and a grip recess is formed in the left and the right sidewall close to the front wall.

13. (Currently amended) A transport container for slides for immunological labeling of thin tissue sections[[,]] comprising: a peripheral delimiting wall which is constituted by a left and a right sidewall that are both joined to one another via a back wall and a front wall, a base [[is]] attached to the peripheral delimiting wall, wherein the base closes off the transport container, at least one peripheral step formed in the interior of the transport container, wherein the slide rests and is spaced away from the base of the transport container, and two parallel ~~lug~~ lugs formed at the back wall which serve as guide for arranging the transport container in a stack.

14. (Currently amended) A transport container for slides for immunological labeling of thin tissue sections[[,]] comprising: a peripheral delimiting wall having interior and exterior sides, wherein said peripheral delimiting wall ~~which~~ is constituted by a left and a right sidewall, a back wall and a front wall ~~that are~~ wherein said left and right sidewalls are ~~both~~ joined to one another via [[a]] said back wall and [[a]] said front wall, a base ~~is~~ attached to the peripheral delimiting wall, ~~wherein the base closes off the transport container, at least one~~ a plurality of continuous peripheral ~~step~~ steps formed in the interior side of the peripheral delimiting wall of the transport container, wherein the slide rests on one of said steps and is spaced away from the base of the transport container, and at least one protrusion is formed in the left or the right sidewall, wherein the protrusion is configured such that the slide does not contact the left or right sidewall in the region of the

protrusion ,and wherein the base of said transport container simultaneously closes-off the next adjacent transporting container below it by engaging with one of said peripheral steps.